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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 24 October 2002 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application by canceling claims 52-62, without prejudice. For the Examiner's convenience, following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application upon entry of this amendment:

1. A method of creating a playback database for an audiovisual work comprising the acts of:

assigning a respective content ratings level to at least a portion of a scene of said work;

creating a database containing information identifying the at least a portion of the scene and the content ratings level; and